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VIENNA PASS ARTHUR HOUGHTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: CAIRO 4662 AND VIENNA 3999

1. THIS MORNING'S CAIRO PRESS REPORTS HASSAN KAMAL AND EGYPTIAN TEAM RETURNED LATE YESTERDAY. I TELEPHONED HIM THIS MORNING AT HIS OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT EGYPTIAN TEAM HE HAD EARLIER PROMISED TO SEND TO SALZBURG MAY 10-11 TO MEET WITH OUR PRE-ADVANCE TEAM. AFFIRMING HE HAD JUST RETURNED, KAMAL SAID HE HAD CONCLUDED WHILE IN AUSTRIA THERE IS NO NEED TO SEND AN EGYPTIAN ADVANCE TEAM TO MEET WITH OURS. THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, HE CONTENTED, IS MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. I POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT CAN CERTAINLY BE HELPFUL, THERE ARE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED WHICH AFFECT ONLY OUR TWO SIDES. THE AUSTRIANS CANNOT HANDLE THESE FOR EITHER OF US. KAMAL ACKNOWLEDGED THIS MIGHT BE SO. SOMEWHAT SHEEPISHLY, HE THEN EXPLAINED GOE CANNOT NOW SEND A SECOND TEAM SINCE ALL OF THE LIMITED PRESIDENCY STAFF HAVE BEEN SENT TO ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE FOUR ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT BEGINNING MAY 12. THERE IS SIMPLY NO ONE LEFT
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TO SEND. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE SUGGESTED THAT ANY ARRANGE-

MENTS SOLELY AFFECTING THE MEETING BETWEEN OUR TWO PRESIDENTS
BE HANDLED THROUGH HIM IN CAIRO. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER,
THAT HE WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY FROM MAY 12 UNTIL MAY 23 WHEN
PRESIDENT SADAT RETURNS. HE WAS UNWILLING TO DESIGNATE ANY
OTHER OFFICIAL IN HIS OFFICE TO HANDLE MATTERS IN HIS ABSENCE,
SAYING HE PREFERRED TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE OF ANY ARRANGEMENTS
INVOLVING SADAT.
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